

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Two Replacement Sheets of drawings are submitted herewith, to be substituted for drawing sheets 8 and 9 respectively.

Drawing sheet 8, “FIG. 8” has been changed to –FIG. 8A--.

Drawing sheet 9, “FIG. 8A” has been changed to –FIG. 8B--.

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 2, 2005, the Examiner stated that changes to the drawings had been approved and were required. Specifically, Figure 8 was to be renumbered Figure 8A, and Figure 8A was to be renumbered Figure 8B. In response to this requirement, two sheets of drawings having the renumbered figures are submitted herewith. These sheets are each labeled "Replacement Sheet" as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). No new matter has been added. This amendment does not represent an attempt to continue prosecution of the claims in the application.

All requirements set forth by the Examiner are believed to have been met. It is respectfully requested that these drawing changes be made without withdrawing the application from issue.

Submission of Application Data Sheet

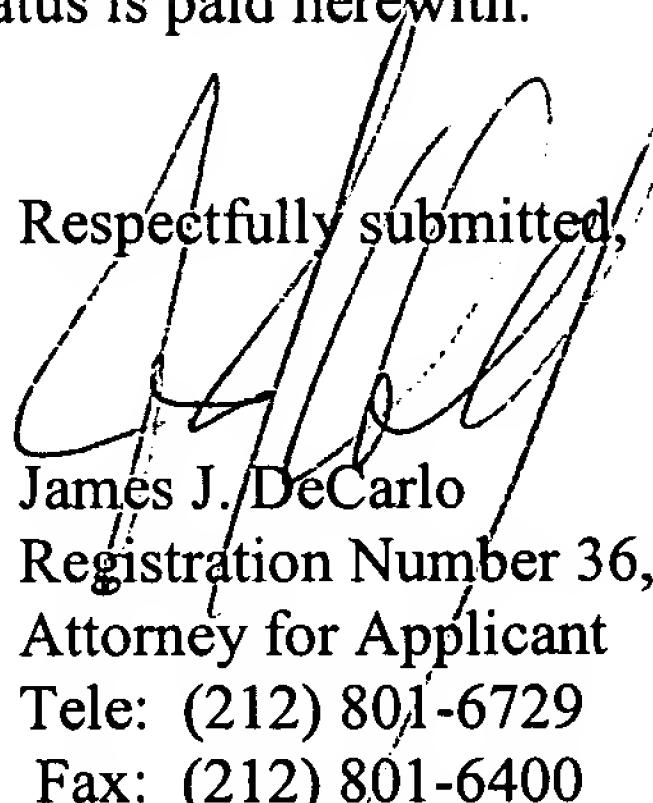
An Application Data Sheet is submitted herewith. It is noted that the small entity status listed on the Notice of Allowance is incorrect. The Application Data Sheet correctly states that the Assignee is not a small entity. In addition, the Domestic Priority Information is given on the Application Data Sheet. This information constitutes the reference required under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(4). 37 CFR § 1.76(b)(5).

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The Examiner has pointed out how a particular feature recited in the claims differs from the prior art, particularly with regard to one of the references of record in the application. It is respectfully submitted that each and every claim in the application recites an invention that is patentable over the prior art. To the extent that the Examiner's statement is intended to be interpreted to limit the scope of the allowed claims, the applicant respectfully disagrees with that statement.

Issue Fee

The Issue Fee consistent with large entity status is paid herewith.

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